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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Yasuhiro SHIMADA et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 23, 2001, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 29, 2003, the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 4, 2003, and the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 14, 2003, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed document and its English translation are also enclosed.

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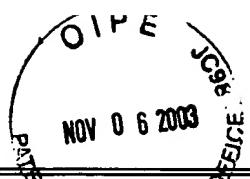
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